City of Mertzon

City Council Meeting Minutes August 2, 2021

Regular Called City Council Meeting

Those Present: Mayor: Bill Taylor

Mayor Pro-Tem: Melissa Matthews **Council Members:**

Jayton Lindley Aubrey Stewart Danny Crutchfield Charlene Holland

Employees:

Michele Wardlaw, City Administrator Steve Thompson, Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Bill Taylor, with quorum present. Opening prayer was given by Pastor Mark Krause.

Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the Texas Flag were recited by all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS George Noelke addressed the council with concerns about the proposed budget for 2021-2022 and flooding issues on Fleming Street.

PROPOSAL OF 2020 TAX RATE: Joyce Gray, Irion County Tax Assessor-Collector, provided council the 2021 certified property tax rates. Councilman Matthews made a motion to approve the proposed tax rate .623878 resulting in a revenue of \$218,257.24 for the 2021 year. Councilman Holland seconded. All in Favor. Motion passed

PROPOSAL OF 2021-2022 WATER/SEWER & GENERAL FUND BUDGETS: Councilman Stewart made a motion to approve the proposed budgets for 2021-2022 Water/Sewer and General Fund Budgets. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. Proposal passed with a vote of 3-2. 3 Yeas from Councilmen Lindley, Crutchfield and Stewart. 2 Nays from Councilmen Holland and Matthews.

POND #1 CLOSURE PLAN: Proposal from eHT for \$1500.00 to file all necessary paperwork and plans to permanently close Pond #1. Councilman Crutchfield made a motion to approve proposal from eHT to file all proper paperwork and plans with TCEQ to close Pond #1. Councilman Lindley seconded. All In Favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS: Councilman Holland made a motion to approve all financial documents. Councilman Stewart seconded. All in favor, motion

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Councilman Matthews asked for minutes to be redone with corrections and for vote count to be added to the motion for employee raises. Minutes will be corrected for approval at next meeting on August 16, 2021.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL: None

DAILY OPERATIONS UPDATE: Information presented by Supervisor Steve Thompson

- 1. Fixed 3 water leaks
- Tree trimming down by the creek
- Rescued 3 puppies
- Mowed at Island, Baseball Park, Park, Water plant, Duncan, Spring Creek, Sprinkler field
- 5. Read meters/reread meters
- Worked on SE Railroad with the backhoe
- Took BOD and water samples to the lab 7.
- Hauled trash from creek
- Installed water meter on Fifth street for school construction 9.
- 10. Worked on Kubato
- 11. Worked on electrical issues at Cravens

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Matthews made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Crutchfield seconded. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Signed: Mayor

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